



Chess master denies beads up bum rap

A US grandmaster who was part of a row which rattled the world of chess has denied using a vibrating sex toy up his arse to

cheat.
In September 2022
Hans Niemann sat
down to play Norwegian grandmaster Magnus Carlsen in St Louis, Missouri. Niemann won, but was accused by Carlsen

was accused by Carlser of cheating – a claim which sparked a legal row between the pair. The pair settled a \$100m (£79m) lawsuit. Niemann said: "It is very disheartening to be accused of cheating after that victory."

Ho was asked on

He was asked on telly by Piers Morgan: "Have you ever used anal beads while

anal beaus white playing chess?" The 20-year-old replied: "Maybe you're personally interested, but I can tell you, no. "Categorically, no, of course not."

80-year-old faces fire death charge

A 80-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with the death of a woman who died after suffering burns in a car fire.

David Clarke appeared at Swansea Crown Court accused of murder. He was remanded in custody ahead of his next hearing

on November 13.
Police said a man and a woman were taken to hospital after police were called to a report of a black Honda Jazz on fire in Sketty Lane, Swansea, at 8.20am on Friday.

Helen Clarke, 77, died on Sunday and her family are being supported by specialist officers.





PROMINENT British crocodile expert and has pleaded academic guilty to 56 charges of bestiality involving the rape, torture and killing of dogs.

Adam Britton tortured and exploited more than

and exploited more than
42 dogs until his arrest in
April 2022, Australian
media has reported.
The 51-year-old zoologist,
based in Darwin, Australia,
appeared at the Supreme Court
of the Northern Territory on
Monday where he admitted
the charges.
Chief Justice Michael Grant
said the offending, which

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dogs, "could only be described as grotesque cruelty" and urged members of the public, security staff, and reporters to leave the court before the detailed charges were read out by prosecutor Marty Aust.

"These facts contain material that can only be described as grotesque and perverse acts of cruelty which is confronting and distressing and which, in my assessment, have the potential to cause nervous shock," the judge said.

The court heard Britton had a "sadistic sexual interest" in animals... in particular dogs.

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As well as torturing his own dogs, he also sourced animals

from unsuspecting pet owners in the Darwin region.

"He often built a rapport with the dog owners in negotiating taking custody of their animals, many of whom had to reluctantly give their pets away due to travel or work commitments," Mr Aust told the court.

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The prosecution said Britton owned a shipping container on his property with filming equipment and used the space "to torture, sexually exploit, and kill dogs".

He would share videos and images of himself sexually exploiting the dogs on online forums under pseudonyms.

In one message, he wrote: "I had repressed it. In the last few years I let it out again, and now I can't stop. I don't want to..."

One clip was sent to the NT Animal Welfare Branch and passed on to NT police, which

passed on to N1 police, which led to his arrest.
Police seized 44 items including computers, mobile phones, cameras, external hard drives, tools, weapons, day extra bard servers and servers and servers are servers.

dog paraphernalia and sex toys, ABC News reported. Britton was also a senior researcher at Charles Darwin University and had worked on BBC and National Geographic productions.

He once hosted Sir David Attenborough while the veteran broadcaster filmed part of a docuseries on his property

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Britton was remanded in custody until December 13 when he will be sentenced.

Armed cop stand down spooks Met

THERE is "significantly less" armed police cover than normal in London, the head of the Met Police has warned, after a revolt by officers.

Sir Mark Rowley admitted the force faced "difficult choices" after hundreds of officers stood down

officers stood down from firearms duties. The Met chief told a London policing board meeting: "We can provide credible firearms cover for London but it's still significantly less than normal and that will create some difficult

"It's aided by other forces sending officers that have filled some of

that have filled some of those gaps."
Sir Mark said there
was a "very significant
effect on capability"
over the past weekend.
He added that
firearms officers are
"extremely anxious",
which was partly being
driven by the concerns
of their families. of their families.

of their families.
The crisis has
emerged after a police
officer was charged
with murder over the
shooting of 24-year-old
Chris Kaba, who was
killed in September
last year in Streatham
Hill, south London.

Water firms to pay back £114m

WATER companies have been ordered to pay back £114m to customers through lower bills after

missing key targets.
Ofwat, the industry
regulator, said that firms
are "falling short" on
performance measures
around leakages, supply

and reducing pollution.
It said that following a review, millions would be returned to households by cutting bills. Ofwat said in its

assessment that not one company reached the highest measure of performance.

Dwr Cymru, Southern, Thames, Anglian, Bristol, South East and Yorkshire Water fell into the lowest category of "lagging" and the remaining 10 were rated "average". None were considered leading".

TODAY'S WEATHER

AFTER a dull start to the day, Wednesday sees some sunshine across Scotland before rain moves in from the west Norwich 15 O to give most of the UK a soaking. Heavy rain will linger in western areas and Scotland. 0 Temperatures of 15C in London, 17C in Cardiff, 16C in Manchester, 15C in Belfast and 11C in Edinburgh.

THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK SUN SAT FRI

Thursday should be drier and brighter, with light showers possible along the south coast

later in the day.
Temperatures of 18C in London, 17C in Cardiff, 16C in Manchester, in Belfast and in Edinburgh. OUTLOOK: Dry(ish).



GOOD news folks, we are going to get an Indian summer with the mercury reaching 24 degrees in Mid-October.

The Met Office longrange forecast states: "It is expected temperatures will generally be above average for October."

Before then,

Before then, however, Storm Agnes is expected to bring winds of up to 80mph to parts of the UK. Yellow warnings for

strong winds and heavy strong winds and neavy rain are in place for much of the country – spanning from the southwest of England, up to Scotland and across to Northern Ireland – from noon on Wednesday to around

Ireland – from noon on Wednesday to around midnight on Thursday. Met Office meteorologist Aidan McGivern (*left*) said once Agnes is out of the way, there will be a return to "sunny spells and showers". "By the end of

Friday, high pressure builds in from the south and that will lead to a fine start for most of us on Saturday morning,

us on Saturday morning, he said.

"A glimmer of a more benign period as we begin the weekend."

Meteorologist Jim Dale

Meteorologist Jim Dale said "a taste of an Indian summer" could be on its way for some "by the weekend" and "for a time thereafter" in a post on X, formerly Twitter.







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SEX tape star Kim Kardashian looked fitter then ever as she flaunted her tiny 24in waistline in a figure-hugging set of SKIMS underwear and a matching bra.

that matched her skin tone – struck a pose in front of the mirror while modelling the pink pieces from her racy line.

Letting her jet-black tresses flow loosely around her shoulders, the entrepreneur posted the set of snaps on her latest photo dump for her 364 million Insta followers.

She let the photos speak for themselves, simply captioning the post with one sweetie emoji.

While she skinned

post with one sweetie emoji.
While she skipped accessories for her selfie shoot, Kim showed off her long French manicure in most of the snaps.
The socialite has been staving huse lataly — in

staying busy lately – in addition to frequently promoting pieces from her billion dollar shape



wear line on Instagram, Kim also played a role in announcing the next Super Bowl halftime show performer for 2024. In a clip referencing Usher's Confessions Part II music video, Kim informed Usher that he was going to be the headliner at Super Bowl LVIII.







Arabella: I don't care for f**king

FAST Show legend Arabella Weir said losing her sex drive after she turned 60 was "the best thing" that has happened to her. The "does my bum look big in this" star, 65 (above), likened her decreased libido to being "unchained from a maniac" as she was "very promiscuous" in her younger years. Arabella has now decided to embrace

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celibacy and prefers to
spend time with her
friends and family.
She said: "Losing my
sex drive has got to
have been the best
thing that's ever
happened to me after
my children – it's
brilliant... it's like
being unchained from
a maniac."
Recalling her
younger years, she
added: "I was very
promiscuous... I loved
having sex and I loved
the feeling of boys
fancying me.
"I withing head; a hefty."

"Looking back a hefty amount of that must have been trying to feel loved, but a lot of it

loved, but a lot of it was also very nice sex and that was great. "But now I don't want a f**k and I couldn't give a f**k."



Manc couples have most sex

COUPLES in Manchester have more hanky-panky than anywhere else in Britain, a poll shows.

Residents in the northern city – home to ITV soap Coronation Street – average 127 romps a year, or around 35 percent above the national average of 94.

And it is three times the number had by couples on the south coast in Brighton, where with just 40 a year they suffer Britain's worst bonk rate.

Condom firm Durex crunched the numbers to come up with the findings for the launch of its new extra sensitive Nude range of condoms.

The company's marketing manager Nikki Hayward said: "We found a big regional difference in how often sexually active couples

Actress calls for new law banning use of word as an insult

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ACTRESS Cathy Tyson has come out swinging to defend woke politics, claiming anyone using the term as abuse should

The 57-year-old who made her name in the brilliant Band of Gold series in 1995 is back on the box with hard hitting BBC drama Boiling Beint

with hard filting DDC drama Boiling Point.

And it was while she was being interviewed by right-leaning broadsheet The Daily Telegraph about the new show that she made her shocking claim about treating the use of the word woke as a crime.

Offensive

She said: I would never have done an interview with the *Telegraph* in the past but it's great to talk to people who have different views to you. "I imagine some of the readership of this newspaper use the world 'wok's'.



and race card are deeply offensive to

She went on to say that the term

She went on to say that the term woke is used these days to undermine progressive ideas.

Now campaigners have seized on her words and are trying to change the law to ban the term.

Racial slurs can lead to jail time for those that send them over social media and as part of a harassment campaign.

campaign.
In 2021 a 19-year-old was jailed for sending tweets using racial slurs to Manchester United and England footballer Marcus Rashford.

"For me, it's as bad a term as an offensive racial slur. The terms woke to his ex-girlfriend."

"Hand of Maniford.

And last year a serving policeman wasjailed for sending racist messages to his ex-girlfriend.

WRESTLING legend

WRESTLING legend Hulk Hogan has got married for the third time.

The 70-year-old WWE star tied the knot with yoga instructor Sky Daily in Clearwater, Florida, just two months after getting engaged.

The intimate ceremony took place inside the Indian Rocks Baptist Church where their pastor, Aaron Filippone, officiated the

Baptist Church where their pastor, Aaron Filippone, officiated the formal proceedings. The bride stunned in a white, strapless gown by Rue de Seine and styled her blond hair in

bouncy curls for the

Gene Bollea, wore a traditional black tuxedo with a white corsage on the lapel, a bow tie and black headband. A source said that the nuptials were a spur-of-the-moment decision. "It was a low-key

"It was a low-key wedding," the insider explained. "Neither of them

wanted over the top, just a small affair with their nearest and dearest to declare their deep love and commitment to each























<u>Mystery</u> **OnlyFans** babe to finger **MINGE** in football dub's dressing room...

Hi, sorry for the random message but I was wondering if you would allow me to make Only Fans custom content at the ground during a match day?

Please treat this message as confidential. X

It's Private don't worry, what sort of content you looking

I'm looking to have photos taken and possibly video clips taken of me performing sexual acts on myself in the changing rooms and out on the pitch. Ideally, it would be before or after the game when there are no fans around for the on pitch content. And the same for the changing room content. I say on a match day as I wonder if any players or staff would be interested in being a part of it.

Faces can be blurred in photos and videos, X

football club thought they'd won the FA Cup when an OnlyFans star asked if she could film herself in their dressing room.

And the X-rated babe even invited the hunky players to JOIN in with her raunchy antics! Yate Town Football Club, in South Glocs, were sent a

private message by a person called "Ellie", asking to use the club's

asking to use the club's facilities to shoot some content. The club, who play in the Southern League Division I South, shared a screenshot of the message on its Twitter account account

account.
The OnlyFans creator asked to make "custom content at the ground during a match day".
Ellie said: "I'm looking to have photos taken and possibly video clips taken of me performing

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YATE TOWN

FOOTBALL CLUB

WEIRD REQUEST: Yate **Town Football Club**

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part of it. Faces can be blurred in photos and videos."
OnlyFans is a video

uploading platform featuring X-rated content,

featuring X-rated content, which people then pay subscription fees to individual creators to see their content.

While the message could be a wind-up, Yate Town shared the request on its Twitter account to nearly 9,000 followers, saying: "We've had weird requests, but this tops the lot..." this tops the lot...

Cops hunt serial pharmacy flasher

POLICE say they have identified a man they think is behind a string of indecent exposures in chemists' shops. A man indecently exposed himself in three

pharmacies across the North East of England after being taken into private consulting rooms. Northumbria Police is now linking the incidents,

which happened in July and August. The first happened

on July 26, when a man entered a pharmacy in the Pelaw area of Gateshead.

After requesting a private consultation and being taken to a private room, he then flashed.

room, he then hashed.
The day after, a man
did the same thing in a
pharmacy in the Forest
Hall area of North
Tyneside, and on August
2, the same man flashed in the private room at a pharmacy in Newcastle.



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A celebration of A-list celebs' nipple flashes

WE all LOVE boobs.

And there is nothing better than a boob you were not expecting to see.
Especially if that book belongs to a pretty female celebrity.

Teats

Over the years, showbiz types have given us many accidental flashes of their A-list teats and, thanks to the sterling work of the world's

By TERRI TIBBS

paparazzi, photographic evidence of these so-called nip-slips is recorded for

in the world, popping out to say hello. Enjoy!









Woman attacks couple at pool for 'sexercises'

COPS say a woman attacked two people at a pool for doing a few stretching exercises that she thought were "too sexy"

that she thought were "too sexy".

Amanda Ferragamo, 41 (above), was nicked in Sumter County, Florida, after the bizarre incident.

A female victim told police she and the male victim were doing stretches when Ferragamo smacked

Ferragamo smacked and shoved them both. "The female victim said the defendant accused them both of accused them both of doing inappropriate activities and began to shove her and smacked her across her face. The female victim has a red mark on her face indicating she was hit as well," the arrest affidavit states. The male victim and Ferragamo are connected in some way, which makes the incident domestic in nature.

nature.

Ferragamo was transported to the Sumter County Detention Centre and has been charged with two counts of battery.



Swamp trespasser ends up in gator!

A WOMAN whose lifeless body was found clenched between a 14ft alligator's

between a 14ft alligator's jaws was arrested two months earlier for trespassing in swamps. Sabrina Peckham, 41, was identified by police as the victim being dragged by the beast in a canal along a residential street in Largo, near Clearwater in Florida. The homeless woman was caught by Pinellas

The homeless woman was caught by Pinellas County deputies on July 14 for trespassing onto county wetland just half a mile from where she was found dead.

Peckman ignored

Peckman ignored signs warning against unlawful entry.
After pleading guilty, she was released and fined £41.0.
A police source said: "We do not permit trespassing in these areas because of the very real danger of being eaten by alligators.

eaten by alligators.
"This lady found that to her cost."







Oddball blamed losses trading in <u>cryptocurrency</u> **PERVER** SPUNKED

close friend's house and spunked on underwear from her knicker drawer has been jailed.

Ashley Watling, 44, blamed stress caused by losses he made trying to trade in cryptocurrency for his

cryptocurrency for his pervy antics.
Stoke-on-Trent
Crown Court heard
Watling had got a key of the woman's house cut
and let himself into her home on two occasions

home on two occasions.

He was caught by the
friend on his second
visit and made excuses
as to why he was in
her property.

But she investigated
further and found that
her underwear had been
soiled

soiled.

secretly recorded Watling as he admitted what he'd done, and now he's been jailed for 30 months.

jailed for 30 months.

He'll also be subject
to a Sexual Harm
Prevention Order which
bans any contact with
her for seven years.

Prosecutor Ekwall
Tiwana told the court
the victim and her
husband had been
friends of Watling for
some time. But when

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she returned to her property in Porthill, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, after the school run at 9am on June 15 last year she was shocked to see Watling stood on her

wating stood on her stairs.

He said he had dropped a jumper off and he wanted to use the toilet.

But she could not get your why he was in her

But she could not get over why he was in her house. She called her husband and asked friends and neighbours to check their CCTV, where footage showed Watling entering her house

Discharge

Mr Tiwana said: "One of her concerns was he had been looking at her underwear. She went to her underwear drawer and saw discharge on them."

The second time he as caught by the

woman he made excuses as to why he had been in her home and finally admitted he masturbated into her underwear.

In his police interview he said he was having issues with his wife and with work.

He said he did it as he wanted to "f**k everything up".

He admitted to having a fetish with underwear, to having the key cut, and to going to the property twice.

Watling, of Basford, pleaded guilty to two charges of burglary with intent to cause criminal damage.

Rob Holt, mitigating.

Intent to cause criminal damage.
Rob Holt, mitigating, said Watling has taken steps to address his mental health.

mental health.

Mr Holt added: "It has had a substantial impact on his mental health. This behaviour arose as a result of stresses and strains of this family life. He lost vast amounts of money on cryptocurrency and lost his boat. All had a severe impact."

Schoolkids take mother's car on 200-mile joyride

A SCHOOLBOY and his 11-year-old sister stole their mum's car and went

their mum's car and went on a joyride before they were caught more than 200 miles away.

The siblings' adventure ended when cops spotted a white sedan driving on 1-75 in Alachua, near Gainesville in Florida, in the early hours and pulled the car over. the car over.

Because the vehicle was stolen, deputies conducted a high risk

conducted a high risk traffic stop.
But they were shocked when they found the 10-year-old boy in the driver's seat and his sister beside him.
The kids both held

their hands in the air as they exited the vehicle

surrounded by police.
The siblings had been reported missing to the North Port Police

Department.
Their mother declined to press charges and made the three-hour drive to Alachua County to pick

MARK: I WAS READY

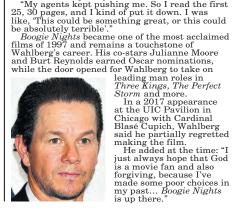
TO DUMP PORN ROLE

HOLLYWOOD star Mark Wahlberg almost rejected the role of aspiring porn star Dirk Diggler in hit movie Boogie Nights.

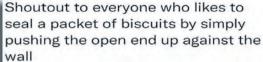
The 1997 drama made Wahlberg (below) a film star, but he wasn't immediately sold on the part.

He said: "When I first heard about the film, the subject matter was not appealing to me. I came from the whole Marky Mark thing... pulling down my pants, Calvin Klein underwear... I didn't know if this was just the next level of exploiting me and now all of a sudden we have to lose the underwear completely.

"My agents kept pushing me. So I read the first 25, 30 pages, and I kind of put it down. I was like, "This could be something great, or this could



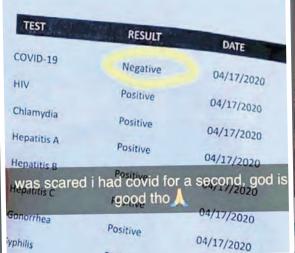












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Squatter told cops she had bought home

A SUSPECTED squatter who moved into a multimillion-pound home was arrested after authorities found her eating a sandwich and wearing the real homeowner's clothes.

Cops arrested Luisa Villa, 54 (above), while the owner was away.

Authorities were called to the swanky beach home in Bonita

beach home in Bonita Springs, Florida, after a maintenance worker who was taking care of the house saw a suitcase in the kitchen

of the house saw a suitcase in the kitchen and heard a dog barking inside.

Cops surrounded the home before making their way inside, where they found Villa tucking into a butty.

The suspect was wearing one of the homeowner's posh dresses and had also brought her small dog with her into the home. Villa lives in Fort Myers but told cops she was the homeowner of the beach house and showed them forged documents that she had recently purchased the property.

She faces several charges including fraud and burglary.



Judge has road rage meltdown

A JUDGE was nicked after a road rage spree, including random drive-by shootings and ramming

into a woman's car.

Judge Brian Lovell was
arrested in Austin, Texas,
on charges of reckless
driving and for deadly conduct in discharging

a firearm.
Lovell, a judge for 12 Lovell, a judge for 12 years, allegedly fired shots at five cars at a road junction in Austin during the meltdown.
Witnesses told cops they saw a man in a white SUV leaving the area after the mayhem.
But 90 minutes later, and two miles away, the

and two miles away, the judge allegedly tried to push a woman's car into

push a woman's car into oncoming traffic.
After his arrest, police found a gun inside the judge's car, though Lovell did not admit firing it, telling authorities he "did not know why he would have shot his gun and could not recall any part of the shooting incident".



A BEAUTY who worked as a kinky S&M dominatrix has given it all up to become a

given it all up to become a Sunday school teacher.
Tessa Williams, 45, from Sydney, Australia, worked under the name of Contessa Doll for 15 years before she found God during lockdown.
She has now swapped whips and chains with clients for Bible readings and sermons at Echo

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readings and sermons at Echo church in southwest Sydney and was baptised in March last year. "God saved me from a very dark place and completely changed my life around. My body now belongs to God," she said.

Tessa also studies business, works as a medical receptionist and helps support sex workers who are trying to leave the adult industry.

Parents from Sunday school even make food care packages for her to take to struggling sex workers.

The parents at church have never judged anyone from the

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adult industry. Parents see how I am with the kids – I love them, and they love me. I feel less stigma and judgement in my church than I have anywhere else in society. I've never felt so much love," she added.

It was during lockdown in 2021 that Tessa was at her lowest point.

2021 that Tessa was at her lowest point.

She said: "I was struggling with money, and I had difficult relationships in the adult industry and with my family.

"Because of the lockdown, I couldn't work, even though the work was there.

"I remember getting on my knees crying, praying to God to help me, when I heard a voice say, 'Don't give up'. All I could feel was that it was going to be OK.

"As things turned around instantly, I started to read the Bible."

Then it was on her daily stroll that she walked past a church

where she heard the message "You belong here" coming from a loudspeaker inside.

Tessa added: "I felt it was talking to me. I was too nervous to go inside then but I went back the next week, walked in and straight away was greeted with happy faces and friendly people.

"I told the pastor my story, that I was a sex worker, and she hugged me. I never felt judged."

Tessa started to go to church every week and was finally baptised in March last year.

It's a far cry from her life as one of Australia's most popular BDSM escorts, where she was paid £400 an hour to "torture" men with whips and chains.

She said: "One client wanted to me to stick an electric rod in his urethra and nipples while he confessed his sins.

"I made thousands of dollars a week as a sex worker, but am now working at Sunday school

week as a sex worker, but am now working at Sunday school for free and have never felt freer and more empowered. I miss the money at times but I feel better, and I am mentally more healthy."









JUST when you wondered if this wretched government had finally done something sensible, they gleefully toss themselves out of the frying pan and into the fire.

Last week, the Prime Minister's announcement that he was taking a pause to the mad, unscientific

a pause to the mad, unscientific rush towards net zero was welcome. Way too late, he realised that forcing people to ditch their petrol and diesel cars and replace them with electric ones by – checks watch – tomorrow morning, was a complete non-starter for voters.

Chucking out your gas boiler and forking out more than ten grand for a useless heat pump that can't be installed in your 10th floor flat anyway was also suddenly noted as problematic, too.

anyway was also suddenly noted as problematic, too.
Sure, everyone wants to live in an environmentally friendly way.
Well, everyone apart from India, China, Pakistan, Brazil, Russia, and large parts of Africa.
You know, those little places with hardly any people in them...

Carcasses

Truth is, no-one wants to kill the polar bears. Unless you're the mother of an eaten seal cub or have a thing for horror movie carcasses of Arctic

(Did you know that on the occasions

(Did you know that on the occasions polar bears are forced to eat fish, it tends to be beluga? Yes, when not scoffing blubber, the fancy f**kers seemingly also have a taste for caviar.) Predictably — because nothing political can ever be announced without being met with a Phil Spector-style wall of sound, albeit in the form of hysterical leftist screeching — the usual suspects went mad. mad. You'd think that Rishi Sunak had

announced he was opening the gates of hell and inviting everyone inside to burn to death. And if he had, no doubt London Mayor Sadiq Khan would have been

Mayor Sadiq Khan would have been on hand to add on a no-refund entry charge for your trouble.

But all that's actually happened is that the PM has aligned our aim for a lower carbon future with, um... all the screechers' very best mates and sagacious heroes in Brussels.

In other words, he's done exactly what they wanted him to do, and they're still sobbing into their weirdo dancing blue and yellow-starred berets. So far, so good, then.

Until Sunak drummed his gentle fingers on his desk and thought: "I know, let's cancel the only bits of HS2 that ever made sense!"

The whole idea of that sodding white elephant of a proposed high speed railway line was to finally open up the north of England to the reality of southeastern travel services.

To make getting to and from places as simple to do in the north as it is in the south.

the south.

First, though, they got their sums

wrong.
The initial cost of the project was put at £30billion. Then £70bn. Now

put at £30billion. Then £70bn. Now it's estimated at more than £100bn and counting.

And that's AFTER scrapping the vital Leeds to Manchester link, that was already ditched two years ago.

Now it looks like the Manchester to Birmingham link is also getting trashed.

to Birmingham link is also getting trashed.

Which leaves us with a sparkling new railway line offering slightly quicker rides from Birmingham to, you guessed it... London.

Except it won't even be slightly quicker. Because the London terminus will not be at Euston, which was as planned and made sense.

No, it'll be in Oak Common out in west London, meaning that anyone alighting there will then have to tackle the Tube if they're not on strike again, in turn making this new fast route between the two city centres even slower than the current one.

And thus, everyone threw their

And thus, everyone threw their hands in the air again and started screaming.

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Wingsuit skydiver lost head

A PILOT decapitated a skydiver with the wing of his plane in a horror

of his plane in a horror accident.

The pilot, identified only as Alain C, age 64, is on trial in France for the manslaughter of skydiver Nicolas Galy, 40, who was killed when the left wing and strut of the single engine plane cut his

and strut of the single engine plane cut his head off.

The pilot said that the freak accident took place because Galy, an experienced skydiver who had made 226 jumps, made mistakes during the incident in July 2018 over Bouloc-en-Guercy.

Bouloc-en-Quercy, north of Toulouse in the south of France. However, prosecutor Jeanne Regagnon said Galy had been in the wight

right.
Galy and another skydiver jumped out of the plane about 20 seconds before he

seconds before he was killed.

The accident led to wingsuit diving rules being tightened up.

The verdict in the case will be revealed in November.



Winemaker pair in vat drowning

A WINEMAKER drowned in a vat of wine after becoming dizzy from nitrogen gases and falling into the fermenting brew while trying to save a colleague.

Marco Bettolini, 46,

Marco Bettolini, 46, was reaching for Alberto Pin, 31, when he lost his balance after being overcome with dizziness caused by intoxicating fumes emitted during the

fumes emitted during the winemaking process. It is believed that Pin entered the autoclave of the vat at the Ca' di Rajo winery in northeastern Italy, after noticing the taps were malfunctioning and fell ill from the fumes. Bettolini followed him in to try and help but was stricken by the fumes himself.

Bettolini fell a few feet and smacked his head at

and smacked his head at

and smacked his head at the bottom, where some wine still sat.

Pin was taken to a hospital in Teviso in a serious condition and is now in an induced coma after having his heart



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Dear Ashleigh,

MY new girlfriend is a right cracker with flame-red hair, firm tits and a fine round arse. She's really fit and sporty and plays at striker for a women's football team.

Last weekend, she persuaded me to go and watch her in action and I wasn't disappointed.

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I wasn't disappointed.

Getting an eyeful of all those athletic women in tight-fitting kits was horny enough, but seeing all those wobbly tits and flashing thighs soon gave me a stonking great hard-on.

And I was soon forced to sneak off to the loo for a quick ham-shank. When I got back to the match, I found out that my girl had scored while I was reliueviong myself.

But she'd clocked I wasn't there when she was celebrating and at half-time she tore into me and told me I was a wanker for missing her goal

her goal. What do you think?

MH, Bristol

Ashleigh says...

WELL, I have to say she's absolutely right.

Dear Ashleigh,

I REALLY can't understand it – my best mate gets way more results with the ladies than I manage.

The thing is, he's as ugly as sin and has a face that only his mother could love, you know.

I don't mind admitting that we first became friends because I thought I'd be better at pulling than him.

But although the babes often come over and chat to me, they soon seem to get bored with small talk and end up laughing at my mate's jokes – and he winds up getting all the shags.

Just last week I caught him in a pub toilet with two blondes sucking him off.

He then had the audacity to invite me to watch as he took them both from behind.

What is his secret?

What is his secret?

JC. Kent

Ashleigh says...
SERVES you right for using him. Get yourself some better social skills.

Boning boss's wife got me promoted!

Dear Ashleigh,

I WENT to a company do last month and met the boss's wife. She's gorgeous, 38, with a perfect body. She also likes a drink and started coming on to me when she'd had a few.

She said she was looking for a toyboy – I'm 21 – and asked if I was up for a blowjob, so obviously I said

yes.
She led me to her BMW
parked outside and gave
me head on the back seat.
Since then I've seen her
a few times at her house.
She loves it doggy-style

and up the arse.
But last week out of the

blue my boss asked to see me. I was shitting myself, but he surprised me by telling me I was being

telling me I was being promoted.

He then put a video on which he'd secretly filmed of me pounding his missus from behind.

He explained that they both liked making secret sex videos and he wants me to keep shagging her

shagging her. How good is that?

LD, Lancs

Ashleigh says...

NOW that's what I call a great bonus.

Caught on film in his wife's undies

Dear Ashleigh,

I FIND myself in a very difficult situation as I've been shagging my neighbour's gorgeous

wife.
She's also a bit kinky and loves me to f**k her while I wear her bra, stockings and

wear her or a, sussessuppenders.
The thing is, I get a real kick out of wearing her lingerie while we're on the job, too.
A problem arose, though,

while we're on the job, too.
A problem arose, though, after her hubby invited me and my missus round for drinks one evening a few weeks ago.
After we had been sitting chatting innocently for about three-quarters of an hour, he brought out his laptop.
To my horror, he had recorded footage of me and his wife

fotage of me and his wife getting down to it in their bedroom and gave the laptop to my missus.

As the video rolled on there

As the video rolled on there was me wearing bra, stockings and sussies, nuts deep in his wife and pounding away at her for all I was worth, clearly enjoying every second.

I realised instantly that the dirty bastard must have been hiding in the wardrobe filming the whole thing just to stitch me up.

me up.

As you can imagine, I was expecting a right mouthful from

the wife, followed by a demand for

the wife, followed by a demand for a divorce.

But I got an even bigger surprise when my missus said that what she was seeing was okay – even the bit where she saw her neighbour inserting a vibrator up my backside.

I had felt sure she would kick off, but instead she wanted to know why she'd not been invited to take part in our sex fun.

She then surprised me even more by suggesting that our neighbour's hubby could join in for good measure.

neighbour's hubby could join in for good measure. Well, it may sound sort of selfish but I didn't like the idea at all, though I couldn't really complain, could I?

Licking

So after a few more drinks my

So after a few more drinks my wife stripped to nothing but a pair of see-through briefs I didn't even know she had.

Before I knew it, both of my neighbours were on her, with the woman licking out my missus as she sucked on the bloke's rockhard cock.

They were clearly enjoying themselves and I could do nothing but sit there and watch them go at it.

But I wasn't left out for long. After he had shot his load all over

But I wasn't lett out for long.
After he had shot his load all over
my wife's face, I was invited to get
my cock out and into her hungry
mouth and she sucked me off
while the neighbour's wife
squeezed and licked my balls.
As this was going on, the

neighbour had recovered and was

neighbour had recovered and was banging my missus.

After a while they told me to dress up in my wife's lingerie and get it on with the neighbour's wife, just like we did on the film. While I was giving his wife one from behind, I noticed my neighbour had his camera out and was filming my wife - who was pleasuring herself with a giant vibrator that had suddenly somehow appeared.

somehow appeared.
Seeing her legs splayed and the plastic tool plunging in and out of her sopping fanny was too much

I spunked all over his wife's boobs and was amazed when my wife zoomed in and licked my

mess up.

Before the night was over, the women got a twin-ended dildo and f**ked each other while me and the neighbour shot our loads into the incompany. into their mouths.

It was a great night and we plan to do this more often.
The trouble is my wife now insists I wear women's undies every time I have sex with her.
I always considered it a

I always considered it a harmless fetish but this is taking it a bit too far, isn't it.

a bit too far, 1sn t 1t. What do you reckon? PH, west Midlands

Ashleigh says...

THERE are always pitfalls when couples turn in to swingers. Just go with the flow.

agony@sundaysport.co.uk **Mail:** Agony, Sunday Sport, 860 Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 OQJ

Steel band hunk hit right note

Dear Ashleigh,

I WENT with a pal to a fancy dress evening with a Caribbean theme at a pub near me which had just come under new management. Even though it was a bit chilly, we

both decided to go in sexy and skimpy

both decided to go in sexy and skimpy beach gear.

It was a lot of fun and the cheap rum punch flowed. I think I must have had a bit too much too soon as I was first up for the limbo dancing competition when it was announced.

The whole event was being run by a hunk who was a member of the steel hand. He was quite a character and

and the was quite a character and after he helped me under the limbo pole a few times I thought I might have a chance with him.

Later, I bumped into him in the corridor and we got chatting, leading

to the inevitable request from him for

to the mevitable request from him for a bit of a cuddle.

We kissed and I made it clear I was up for more than just that, so he led me into a room at the back of the pub, tugged down my bikini bottom and tongued me to ecstasy.

He was magic with his mouth and Lelamped my thighs round his head

I clamped my thighs round his head as I came.

I was happy to return the favour,

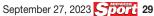
pulling out his whopping member and sucking him to completion. I want to seem him again, but he left before I could get his number. What do you suggest?

GD, east London

Ashleigh says...

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1. WHICH football pundit 1. WHICH football pundit called for "no more abuse" against officials in July before then hitting out online at a "shithouse referee" after the north London derby draw? a) Alam Shearer b) Robbie Savage

c) Jermaine Jenas

d) Graeme Souness

2. ITV has announced the new series of which reality TV show will start on Sunday 8 October? a) Ex on the Beach b) Love Island

c) Geordie Shore d) Big Brother

3. A FRENCH family planning agency is using which UK telly show to teach teens about sexual

health and relationships?
a) Sex Education
b) Naked Attraction
c) Normal People
d) Albion Market

4. WHICH presenter has returned to Twitter four days after quitting social media in the wake of her recalling how Russell Brand called her a "slut" in an "uncomfortable"
2007 TV appearance?
a) Susanna Reid
b) Anne Diamond
c) Kay Burley
d) Lorraine Kelly

5. WHICH rap star is "breaking Italian anti-terror



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laws" by constantly wearing a mask while on an extended holiday in Venice with his wife?

a) Eminem
b) Kanye West
c) Snoop Dogg
d) Ice-T

6. ACTOR David
McCallum has died this
week at the age of 90.
Which TV show made him
a megastar in the 1960s?
a) The Avengers
b) Doctor Who
c) The Prisoner
d) The Man Fram

d) The Man From U.N.C.L.E

7. WHAT body part does 7. WHAT body part does shamed former Health Secretary Matt Hancock say he injured when filming SAS: Who Dares Wins? c) Eye d) Bellend

8. WHICH telly presenter says he broke out in a rash when appearing on Strictly in 2014? a) Philip Schofield b) Alan Carr c) Gregg Wallace d) Jimmy Tarbuck

9. WHICH talk show host is about to become a father for the sixth time? a) Jerry Springer b) Kilroy

c) Jeremy Kyle d) Dr Phil

10. MAURICIO Pochettino is said to be facing the sack as manager of which Premier League team?

a) Tottenham
b) Sheffield United
c) Chelsea
d) Bournemouth

a) Rib b) Leg

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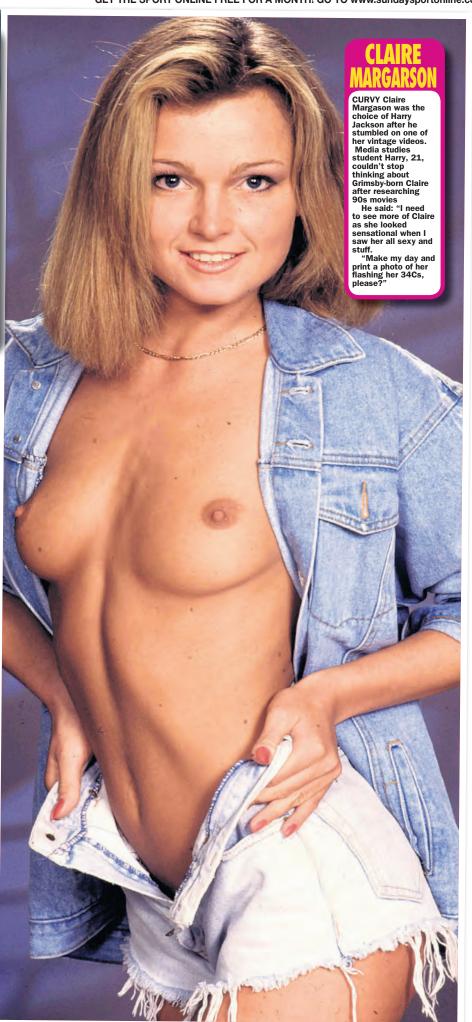
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through his fave newspaper and see busty Michelle with her norks out. Gary, 42, said: "Answer my prayers and run a picture of crackign Michelle? It's been ages since I saw a pic of her topless." You're right, Gary, Michelle's got a fare pair!





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Scotland the only target for Sexton

CAPTAIN Johnny Sexton insists Ireland are not thinking about anything beyond Scotland as they seek to avoid complacen following previous World

Cup failures.
Andy Farrell's men are
within touching distance
of the quarter-finals and a likely clash with either hosts France or three-time winners New Zealand.

Yet, despite defeating defending champions South Africa in Paris to register a third consecutive Pool B victory, rugby's top-ranked nation could still be denied a spot in the knock-out stages by

in the knock-out stages by the Scots. Experienced fly-half Sexton, who has suffered last-eight exits at his previous three World Cups, admits his side cannot get ahead of themselves.

"We are not talking about being champions, we are talking about the next game," he said on the back of the 13-8 win over

the Springboks.
"Now it's all about
Scotland. We're not thinking about anything

thinking about anything beyond that.
"Scotland are an excellent team. I think that they would be frustrated about how they played against South Africa (an 18-3 loss on September 10).
"It's all geared up towards that game now and making sure that we

and making sure that we do what's required to try and win the pool.

and win the pool.
"But we can't look
beyond the next game.
This competition will hurt
you, that's the biggest
lesson we can take from
the last few World Cups."
Ireland return to Stade

retand return to Stade de France on October 7 to take on Gregor Townsend's side after upsetting South Africa. Head coach Farrell believes the narrow win from a bruising encounter with the reigning champions is ideal preparation for future challenges.

"It's wonderful to win, but there was not much in it between two good sides," said Farrell.

sides," said Farrell.
"I think the best thing about it for us is we get to feel the intensity of a big game within this World Cup and know what that feels like for further down

reess like for further down the line.
"How we are able to be a little bit more composed, be a little bit more accurate and play our game a little bit more. It's invaluable to be able to learn those lessons with a win."

LATEST NEWS FROM THE ck to the future for S

Smith finished **England's World Cup rout of** Chile in the same back line as **Owen Farrell and George Ford** - six years after rushing his A-level maths exam to train with his heroes.

England experimented by deploying all three of their fly-halves for the final half-hour of Saturday's 71-0 victory in Lille

Saturday's 71-0 victory in Lille that places them on the brink of qualifying for the quarter-finals.

Smith was operating in his new role of full-back while Ford stepped off the bench to form a creative axis with Farrell designed to run spirited but outclassed Chile off their feet.

For Smith it was a special moment after his first encounter with the duo came in May 2017 when he took part in England's camp in his native

By PAUL THOMAS

Brighton, where he was studying as an 18-year-old.

"Those two have been really influential ever since I was invited to train with England when I was very young," he said.

"I was very lucky that England went to Brighton College – I went to Brighton College – I went to Brighton College – and I had to beg my teachers because when I heard that opportunity was available because I was desperate to take it.

Helpful

"I rushed my maths exams so I could get on the field. I had my rugby socks on and I was ready to go. I got

a B, I think.
"I'll take that — maybe I rushed it
too much!
"To be able to learn from the best
two fly-halves in England was

special for me. They've been really helpful to me.

"It was class to play with Owen and George against Chile. To have two guys who are unbelievably skilful inside, able to see space, and for me to have slightly more space in the nutside channels was a pleasure.

for me to have slightly more space in the outside channels was a pleasure. "They managed to find me a few times and I really enjoyed running in the wider channels. To all be out there at the same time was an honour. It was a day I'll never forget." Smith's conversion from fly-half to full-back now spans four cameos as a replacement and 80 minutes against Chile and while a success to date, tougher assignments await in the form of Samoa and the quarter-finals.

finals.

The Harlequins magician insists he is happy to contribute in whatever role gets him on the field.

"It was class. I really enjoyed it. Playing 10, 15, where – I thoroughly

enjoy being on the field," Smith said.
"It doesn't last forever so whenever I get the opportunity I'm going to try to make the most of it."
Richard Wigglesworth has been a central figure in Smith's transition from fly-half and the attack coach has seen enough to know the 24-year-old is ready for the bigger tests that lie ahead.

Confident

"Marcus has given us food for thought at full-back throughout preseason because that's the standard he operates at." Wigglesworth said. "It was a bigger talking point than we felt it was because we just see a great rugby player there. We were really impressed by him against Chile.

"We all thought it was coming before the game and were really confident that he was going to produce that sort of performance. He



definitely a viable option (to start) because he's a top, top international, so when you have that level of ability like he's got, executing the way he is, then he's always a viable option."

Sharing star billing with Smith at Stade Pierre-Mauroy was Henry Arundell, the 20-year-old wing who equalled the England record of five tries scored in one match.

Arundell will join Racing 92 after the World Cup following the financial collapse of London Irish but despite playing for an overseas club he is expected to be available for selection in the Six Nations under the exceptional circumstances rule.

"Henry is a great finisher and he

rule.
"Henry is a great finisher and he certainly makes things happen on

"That pace he has... I see the hard work he does on the training field - he's a man who is determined to

and will not resume training until Thursday with players able to leave their camp in Le Touquet and meet family, although none will be

their camp in Le Touquet and meet family, although none will be returning home.

While allowed to depart France under tournament regulations, the players must still be available for drug testing and media commitments, thereby restricting their movement.

Some of Borthwick's management team will return home briefly over the coming days, however, for a brief rest.

the coming days, however, for a brief rest.
"The coaches have the next few days off because the whole management team has worked alongside all the players very, very hard to this point.
"It's important now they all have a few days break," Borthwick said.





Wales happy to 'punch above our weight'

WARREN Gatland has hailed Wales' ability to keep "punching above our weight" after clinching a place in the Rugby World Cup quarter-finals.

It maintains Gatland's 100 per record of reaching the last-eight in four World Cups as Wales chief.

Cups as Wales chief.
And the achievement is
underlined by where Wales
were just six months ago
on and off the pitch.
They finished fifth in the
Six Nations, with a solitary
win being against Italy,
while Welsh professional
rugby was engulfed by
financial issues and
contractual uncertainty for contractual uncertainty for

many players.
That scenario almost led
to Gatland's squad going to Gatland's squad going on strike in protest over the situation just days before Wales faced England in Cardiff.
Now, though, they find themselves at the business end of a World Cun busing progressed.

Cup, having progressed from Pool C with one game to spare and seemingly on course for a quarter-final clash against Argentina in Marseille on October 14.

"There were a lot of things going on before the Six Nations," Gatland said, following a record 40-6 victory over Australia that confirmed Wales' progression to the knockout phase.
"Contract issues and

then just understanding the frustrations from them in terms of security, future, families and stuff.

"I probably didn't realise at the time the impact that had on the coaching staff.

"I had to sit back and let "I had to sit back and let things unfold until after the Six Nations, when you can get a squad together. "We have been together for four months. You can

put the detail, preparation and hard work in that we always pride ourselves on. "We are such a small

nation in terms of playing numbers, and we are proud that our success has been based on hard work and punching above our weight.

"Everyone has made a



PROUD: Gatland

lot of sacrifices in the last four months, and the message from me beforehand was 'you get what you deserve in life'

what you deserve in life' from putting that hard work and effort in.
"We have been through some pain and tough times. We have pushed some players right to the edge, and they have fronted up.

edge, and they have fronted up.
"We have got a brilliant balance in this group in terms of taking the mickey out of each other and some real banter, which is

some real panter, which brilliant.

"But when they are asked to front up and perform at training, they get their heads on and they knuckle down."

Wales were World Cup semi-finalists in 2011 – the first time for 24 years and 2019, with that achievement now having an outstanding chance of being repeated

Among Wales' many successes in the tournament so far has tournament so far has been co-captain Jac Morgan's form and leadership, which he highlighted through an immense display against Australia. Gatland added: "He is

still a young man, and I threw him in at the deep end. He has been

absolutely outstanding.
"I have a huge amount
of admiration for him. He is definitely a player who leads from the front, and he did exactly that (against Australia). It was a brilliant performance from him."

Roy's World dream goes on says Tres

CRICKET

ENGLAND assistant Marcus Trescothick has urged Jason Roy to remain upbeat despite his World Cup axing, insisting the big-hitting opener could yet make an impression at the tournament.

Even though he was named in England's provisional 15-man squad for the defence of their crown in India, starting in less than a fortnight, Roy made way for Harry Brook in a dramatic late change to the travelling party.

The decision invited speculation about Roy's international future, which intensified after he rejected England's approach to play in three ODIs against Ireland, although the 33-year-old has struggled with back spasms.

Having been invited to be a non-travelling standby for the World Cup, Roy, so crucial to the side that won the trophy in 2019, has been told to keep his spirits up as injury could swing his fortunes. "I've not spoken to

Jason," said Trescothick, an Ashes 2005-winning opening batter for the Three Lions.

"He's surely disappointed but you've got to remain positive that he can still make an impact in the tournament if required.

"Reserves have a big part in World Cups, you



ADVICE: Trescothick



SKIPPER: Crawley

pick up one injury and someone comes in, they could come in and make a hell of a lot of runs and make a difference.

"If he keeps himself fit and ready to go, should we need him to come out then we'll make that

Trescothick and the rest of the England coaching staff oversaw the final ODI against Ireland at Bristol last night before embarking to the subcontinent for the World Cup tonight.

Granted

England's World Cup squad have been rested squad nave been rested for this Metro Bank series, with a shadow side captained by Zak Crawley taking a 1-0 lead at Trent Bridge on Saturday – the first ODI having been abandoned - with Will Jacks one of the standout

performers.

Jacks made a sparkling 94 off 88 balls in England's 48-run win but the array of top-order options they have to choose from means he cannot take his place for granted.

"It was a good opportunity for him to play a longer innings and play a bit more.'

Trescothick added.
"We know how much of a talent he is, it's his opportunity – getting the chance to play is going to be the real challenge for

.... "It's a good team, trying to break into it is pretty tough."

ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING



LATTAM can put unlucky recent behind him in the William Handicap Hill Goodwood.

Trained by William Haggas, the four-year-old lined up in the ultra-competitive Golden Mile at this track last month as William

at this track last month as the 5-1 favourite having won on his previous start at Newcastle.

However, he finished down the field, beaten nine lengths in 15th place, although the bare statistics possibly do not do justice to his effort as Lattam did not enjoy an ideal run.

Dropped

He missed the break and then ran a bit keen before finding his passage blocked at a crucial stage, so that performancecan be upgraded a little.

a little.
On an unchanged mark of 95, Lattam will also have conditions to his liking here. Stablemate My Prospero should be winning the Listed Foundation Stakes judged on the ratings.
His perch of 119 puts him well ahead of his rivals in this 10-furlong contest, but

By MIKE FRANCIS

the assessor has actually dropped his mark slightly after a surprise defeat in the York Stakes on his latest

Beaten a half-length by Alflaila on the Knavesmire on good ground, his two best career efforts have come on easier conditions, so it might pay to keep the faith a little longer.

Karl Burke boasts an

exceptional record with his juveniles this term and Local Arms can claim another nice prize for him in the British EBF £100,000 2YO Fillies'

EBF £100,000 2YO Fillies' Series Final.

While this Saxon Warrior filly is clearly not on a par with the stable's division stars Darnation and Fallen Angel, there was much to like about her eight-length demolition job at Beverley last week.

last week.
The form may not be much to write home about, but the

to write home about, but the manner of her success was eyecatching and she looked capable of plenty more.

It is a big week for the Ralph Beckett team with Westover primed to shoot for Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe gold – and Albany can give them a nice confidence boost

at a lower level in the Heineken Fillies' Handicap. A stylish winner over 10 furlongs at Windsor, she jumps up to a mile and six furlongs here, but she certainly has the pedigree for a stamina test

a stamina test. Casilli has dropped to an

Casilli has dropped to an attractive mark ahead of the Weatherbys Digital Solutions Handicap at Redcar.

A winner off 78 at Beverley last term, the six-year-old then spent the best part of a year off the track and has struggled to really regain her sparkle since.

Delayed

She has duly dropped from a starting mark of 82 to her current perch of 73 and having posted marginally improved efforts of late, she could just be coming right.

could just be coming right.

Humanity can thrive from an opening mark of 82 in the Unibet More Extra Place Races Handicap at Kempton.

Beaten a length by Groupplaced runner Chesspiece on his only juvenile start, he underwent wind surgery in the spring with his comeback was delayed until August, when he proved very disappointing as an odds-on favourite.

The son of Roaring Lion

likely needed the run though as stepped up to 12 furlongs the next time, he made all for a cosy success in a novice heat which bodes well for

heat which bodes well for this race.

Wasdell Dundalk can snap Born Famous'winning run in the Paul Ferguson's Jumpers To Follow David Whitaker Handicap Chase at Perth. Born Famous has won her last six starts but preference is for Lisa Harrison's charge,

who is himself on a hat-trick

who is nimself on a nat-trick here.

Those two wins have come at Perth and while he is now on a mark of 109 having won off 97 on the first occasion, he is still well treated on the best of his form best of his form.

SELECTIONS:
BELLEWSTOWN: 1.25 One Boss, 2.00 What Aday, 2.35 Mercurial, 3.10 Keke, 3.45 Dream Today, 4.20 Final Orders, 4.55 Alacance, 600DW000: 1.55 Dream Ocean, 2.30 LATTAM (MAP), 3.05 Tiriac, 3.40 My Prospero, 4.15 Local Arms, 4.50 Albany, 5.20 Miss Bluebelle, KEMPTON: 4.58 High Point, 5.30 Cuban Melody, 6.00 Princess Alice, 6.30 Outgun, 7.00 Humanity, 7.30 Wall Game, 8.00 Embarked, 8.30 Berkshire Sundance, PERTH: 2.20 Stadium Talk, 2.55 Aurora Thunder, 3.30 Sputnik, 4.05 Park Annonciade, 4.40 Wasdell Dundalk, 5.12 Awessom,

4.40 Wasdell Dundalk, 5.12 Awesome

REDCAR: 2.05 Be Here Now, 2.40 Budding Poet, 3.15 Highland Spring, 3.50 Jumeira Vision, 4.25 Casilli, 5.02 Albegone, 5.35 Atomise.



VIKTOR HOVLAND is ready to maintain his ever-present Ryder Cup record in Rome despite the physical challenge posed by Marco Simone Golf and Country Club.

Europe captain Luke Donald has told his stars to prepare to be left out of sessions due to the combination of a severely undulating course and

undulating course and high temperatures.
Caddies will have the option of lightweight bags and could be rested if they are unable to walk 36 holes in a day, with Tyrrell Hatton's caddie Mick Donaghy having undergone knee surgery

caddie Mick Donaghy having undergone knee surgery earlier this year.
Hovland and Jon Rahm were the only Europeans to contest all five sessions at Whistling Straits two years ago, with Dustin Johnson—who was the only American to do so—claiming five points as the United States enjoyed a record 19-9 victory. a record 19-9 victory.
Asked if he would be happy

to play five times again, Hovland said: "It's a good

question.

"It's going to be a big one

By ANDY MILLOM

and we're all going to be running on adrenaline. I think it's going to be possible but it depends how the weather's going to be.
"I think we can all have a plan in our head and then when we get there things might change. That's up to the captain to decide if I play five or however many he five or however many he wants me to play, so we'll

see."
Hovland partnered Paul
Casey to a foursomes defeat
on the first morning at
Whistling Straits and then
halved his afternoon fourball

halved his afternoon fourball alongside Tommy Fleetwood.

The Norwegian then lost both matches on Saturday (with Bernd Wiesberger and Fleetwood again) before claiming half a point against two-time major winner Collin Morikawa in the singles

Collin Morikawa in the singles singles.
"I felt fine on the singles if I remember correctly, but I remember after 36 holes on the first day I went to bed and passed out immediately, woke up the next morning and was still tired," Hovland admitted admitted

"That was something that

I didn't quite expect but we're out here every single week walking so we know what we're getting into this time.

"To be part of the Ryder Cup was very special. Obviously it was tough for me as a rookie playing away and not having very many European fans there [due to Covid restrictions].

Covid restrictions].

"And I felt like I played some good golf. I just struggled a little bit around strugged a note on a round the green, I just didn't putt very well and obviously the short-game woes that I've been vocal about before I think kind of expressed themselves a little bit that week.

Advantage

"It was a little bit of a bitter

experience.
"I would have liked to have done better and put some more points on the board, but this time around I feel like a way more complete

"We are playing at home and I think the home crowd advantage is going to be a lot different than it was at Whistling Straits.
"I think we are all pretty

motivated to prove that what

happened last time is not

happened last time is not going to happen again."

Donald believes his team will take inspiration from the brilliant fightback which saw Europe retain the Solheim Cup on Sunday.

Suzann Pettersen's side lost the opening session at Finca Cortesin 4-0, but roared back to secure the first 14-14 draw in the history of the biennial event and, as the holders, maintain their grip on the trophy.

The same result at Marco Simone would not be enough for Donald's side to get their hands on the Ryder Cup following the record defeat at Whistling Straits two years ago, but the spirit on show in Spain has not gone unnoticed by the skipper or his players.

"Ohydously after a very

Spain has not gone unnoticed by the skipper or his players. "Obviously, after a very tough start and going down 4-0 to the US, I thought it was a very admirable comeback," Donald said. "Some great golf by both teams. "When I started watching

When I started watching on Sunday it looked like Europe kind of had it in the bag. They got up early. The US came fighting back and it

players, (Caroline) Hedwall and (Carlota) Ciganda had some amazing turnarounds in their matches and it was enough to get the tie and retain the Cup – and obviously I couldn't be happier for Suzann.

"Certainly a lot of the guys were talking about it. A lot of the guys were posting stuff on their social media and I think that's only good inspiration for our team going forward for this week."

Asked how his heart rate would be if the Ryder Cup came down to a similar finish on Sunday, Donald added: "It would be high.

"I think when you don't have control, when you're watching as a spectator as I will be, not being able to have any control over those shots.

will be, not being able to have any control over those shots, I think that's when you really feel nervous.
"We would love to be out

there just hitting the shots.
"At least you feel that you have control and you have destiny in your own hands but you get to watch and you rely on your players to come up with the goods, and obviously Carlota was able to really didn't look very do that, some amazing shots hopeful at the end.

"And then a couple of mattered."

- 1. Marco Odermatt and Mikaela Shiffrin are reigning world champions in which sport?
- 2. Who will England face in the first match of the men's Cricket World Cup?
- 3. Which British tennis player broke into the world's top 100 for the first time on Monday?
- 4. Who sank the putt that retained the 18th Solheim Cup for Europe?
- 5. Somerset Park is the home ground of which football team?
- 6. How many times have England won the men's Rugby World Cup?
- 7. Jess Thirlby is head coach of England in which sport?
- 8. What number shirt does Jude Bellingham wear for Real Madrid?
- 9. Name Newcastle's eight goal scorers in their 8-0 win over Sheffield United.
- 10. In football, which World Cup winner ended her international career in the United States' 2-0 win over South Africa on Sunday?
- 11. In snooker, who won the Shanghai Masters last week?
- 12. Who is the manager of Sky Bet Championship side Birmingham?
- 13. Zhilei Zhang knocked Joe Joyce out in which round of their rematch fight at Wemblev Arena?
- 14. Which rugby league team finished the season at the top of the Betfred Super League?
- 15. Which player recently replaced Iga Swiatek at the top of the WTA rankings?
- 16. Cricketer Sam Hain plays his domestic cricket for which team?
- 17. Which two players scored for England in their 2-1 victory over Scotland in the Women's Nations League?
- 18. Golfer Nicolai Hojgaard is from which country?
- 19. This season's Champions League final will be played at which venue?
- 20. Kyle Sinckler plays for which Premiership rugby team?

Bronze & Lauren Hemp; 18. Denmark; 19. Wembley Stadium; 20. Bristol Bears. New Zoaland, 3. Liam Broady, 5. Carlota Ciganda; 5. Ayr United; 6. Once; 7. Netball; 8. 5; 9. Sean Longstaft, ban Burn, Sven Borman, Gallum Sven Borman, Gallum Milgon, Anthony Gordon, Milgon, Anthony Gordon, Milgon, Megan Raphnoe, Las Myna Raphnoe, Las Ayna Sablender; 13. Round Dohn Eustace; 13. Round Dohn Eustace; 13. Round Las Ayna Sablender; 13. Round Las Ayna Sablender; 14. Wigan Wardors, Las Ayna Sablender; 14. Wardors, Warwickshire; 17. Lucy New Zealand; 3. Liam New Zealand; 3. Liam

- 1962: Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round of their world heavyweight title fight at Comiskey Park, Chicago. Patterson, conceding almost 12 kilograms in weight to the challenger, was the first man to lose the heavyweight title in the first round.
- 1969: Former South Africa cricket captain Hansie Cronie was born. Cronje led the Proteas in 53 Tests and 138 one-day internationals, but his career ended in disgrace with a life ban for match-fixing. He died in a plane crash or June 1, 2002. 1983: Nelson Piquet
- beat Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell to the chequered flag in the first European Grand Prix at Brands Hatch then a new event on the Formula One schedule.
- 2000: Jonathan Edwards won gold at the Sydney Olympics in the triple jump.
- 2003: Rangers manager Alex McLeish ended speculation by signing a new four-year contract, tying him to the lbrox club until 2007. McLeish parted company with the club at the end of the 2005-
- ninth-wicket stand of 71 saw West Indies snatch an unlikely victory against England sing their first major one-day tournament victory - in

2004: An unbroken

- the ICC Champions
 Trophy final at The Oval.
 2005: Spain's Fernando Alonso became the youngest Formula One world champion at the age of 24 after finishing third in the Brazilian Grand Prix. 2011: Britain's Mark
- Cavendish won the men's road race at the cycling World Championships in
- Copenhagen. 2013: Snooker player Stephen Lee was banned for 12 years after being found guilty of seven charges of
- match-fixing. 2013: Sir Ben Ainslie helped steer Oracle Team USA to the 34th America's Cup, completing one of the most remarkable sporting comebacks of all time having been 8-1 down to Emirates Team New Zealand at one stage.
- 2016: Golfer Arnold Palmer, a seven-time major winner, died at the age of 87. 2017: Gareth Barry
- broke the all-time Premier League appearances record by playing for West Brom against Arsenal. His 633rd outing, which saw Arsenal won 2-0, saw him surpass Ryan Giggs' mark
- 2021: Anthony Joshua lost his WBA, IBF and WBO heavyweight titles after a unanimous points defeat by Oleksandr Usyk in London.

ARGIE BARGIE IN WEST LONDON AF

MAURICIO Pochettino savs Chelsea's owners must look past their disappointment and back him to implement the plan he was hired to draw to lift the club out of their slump.

Defeat to Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge on Sunday means the team have taken an Defeat to Stamford Br

means the team have taken an average of 0.85 points per game over the last 35 matches, three short of a full league season.

Over a single campaign they would have won 32 points, a tally that would have seen them relegated in every Premier League season since the league became 38 games in 1995, and would have left them bottom of the table in five of them.

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That run goes back to October 19 last year when the team, then managed by Graham Potter, drew 0 away at Brentford. Pochettino is the fourth manager

By PAUL THOMAS

to have led the side in that period, with Potter having been removed on April 2 and Frank Lampard taking over until the end of the campaign, with a single game in charge for caretaker boss Bruno Saltor.

The Blues have won only six times in the league in the 11 months since, drawing 12, giving them a return of 30 points from 35 games. The squad assembled at a cost of more than £1billion over the last 16

more than £1billion over the last 16 months are currently 14th in the table after six games and have not scored in 285 minutes of play. Pochettino encouraged fans to keep faith and focus on the quality of performances rather than the club's relegation form.

"It's about learning, it's about the process," he said.
"We are a young team (in) a process

We are a young team (in) a process that they need to learn all together. It's difficult to talk about positives because when you lose it's difficult, but we need to talk about positive

"No doubt that with time the team "No doubt that with time the team is going to perform, but of course now we cannot hide the situation. It's a situation that disappoints all the fans, the club, us and the players. "The owners are disappointed but at the same time they need to support the plan."

Options

If there was a bright spot for Chelsea it was the return of striker Armando Broja after nine months out with an ACL injury.

The Albania international came off the bench and headed wide in the

off the bench and headed wide in the closing minutes.

"It was good to see Broja after nine, 10 months," said Pochettino.
"Again I think to have the possibility to have different options is good for

the team. But he needs to build his confidence also."

Chelsea have taken only five points

from their opening six Premier League games this season – their worst start to a campaign since 1978.

Here Midweek Sport looks at the reasons behind the west London club's performance problems.

IS POCHETTINO THE RIGHT MAN FOR CHELSEA?

Pochettino's youthful Chelsea squad have experienced teething problems, with their only league win coming with a 3-0 victory over newly-promoted Luton.

Their forwards have been wasteful in front of goal with exhibit Nicelea.

Their forwards have been wasteful in front of goal, with striker Nicolas Jackson missing seven big chances in six games with just a single goal to show for it. The Blues have shown signs of promise at times but individual errors and questionable changes to the formation will mount pressure on Pochettino, who is expected to perform after Chelsea's £1 billion-plus transfer spree since May perform after Chelsea's £1 billion-plus transfer spree since May 2022.

TER JUST SIX LEAGUE GAMES

HOW DOES POCHETTINO COMPARE

TO OTHER CHELSEA MANAGERS?

Pochettino has struggled to prove a Chelsea slump that

improve a Chelsea slump that started under Graham Potter and continued during Frank Lampard's woeful temporary return.

In Pochettino's first six Premier League games the Blues have scored only five goals, winning once and losing three times.

That is slightly better than Lampard's second spell at the helm, which saw the Blues score seven goals and take four points in theirfirst six games before finishing 12th. P

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otter managed nine goals and 11 points in his first six games, while Thomas Tuchel — who won three trophies during his Stamford Bridge tenure—picked up 14 points in his first half a dozen Premier Laggne fixtures.

League fixtures.

With a lack of goals holding Pochettino's side back, the 51-year-

old will hope that an increase in chances taken can turn the tide.

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE MONEY

THEY SPENT?
Todd Boehly's Clearlake Capital consortium forked out over £450 million on transfers this summer and have broken the British transfer record twice since January to land midfielders Enzo Fernandez

toland midfielders Enzo Fernandez and Moises Caicedo.
Caicedo has had a mixed start at Stamford Bridge after his £115 million move from Brighton. The Ecuador midfielder had a poor cameo on his debut against West Ham before he gave the ball away for Anthony Elanga's second-half winner against Forest.
Jackson is yet to live to up to his exciting first two games in blue and has missed golden chances which have cost Pochettino's side.

have cost Pochettino's side. Fernandez, however, is the shining light in Chelsea's midfield and has shown his quality on the ball.

ARE INJURIES TO BLAME?

Chelsea had 12 players missing through injury for last week's draw at Bournemouth, forcing Pochettino to rotate. Christopher Nkunku and Romeo Lavia are yet to make their debuts and the exciting Carney Chukwuemeka's knee injury at West Ham was more serious than what was first hoped. Suspensions picked up by Nicolas Jackson and Malo Gusto will add further problems when they face Fulham.

what's next for CHELSEA?

After hosting Brighton in the Carabao Cup and a west London derby at Craven Cottage, the Blues face a tough run that includes Arsenal, Tottenham, Manchester City, Manchester United and Newcastle in their next eight league games. They will need to find an upturn in form if they do no not want to slip further out of the not want to slip further out of the race for European qualification for a second successive season.



- FOOTBALL: Carabao Cup, Newcastle v Manchester City Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1900: Viaplay Sports Main Event 1900; Viapiay Cup, Rangers v Livingston – Viaplay Sports 1 2000; Serie A, Cagliari v AC Milan – TNT Sports 1 1730, Verona v Atalanta – TNT Sports 2 1730, Empoli v Sports 2 1730, Employ V Salernitana — TNT Sports 3 1730, Inter Milan v Sassuolo — TNT Sports 1 1930, Napoli v Udinese — TNT Sports 2 1945, Lazio v Torino — Serie A — TNT Sports 3 1945; LaLiga, Real Madrid v Las Palmas Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV
 1800, Valencia v Real Sociedad — Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 2030; DFB Pokal, Wehen Wiesbaden v RB Leipzig – Viaplay Xtra 1945.
- RUGBY UNION: World Cup, Uruguay v Namibia ITV4 1600. NETBALL: International, New Zealand v England – Sky Sports Main Event 0730.
- SNOOKER: British Open ITV4 1245 and 1900.

THURSDAY

- FOUTBALL: Serie A. Frosinone v Fiorentina TNT Sports 1 1730, Monza v Bologna TNT Sports 2 1730, Genoa v Roma TNT Sports 1 1730, LaLiga, Celta Vigo v Alaves Viaplay Sports 2 1800, Granada v Real Betis Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1800, Osasuna v Atletico Madrid -Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV
- RUGBY UNION: World Cup, Japan v Samoa — ITV4 1915. SNOOKER: British Open — ITV4
- 1245 and 1845
- GRIDIRON: NFL, Green Bay Packers v Detroit Lions Sky Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 0000 (Fri).

- GOLF: Ryder Cup, Foursomes Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Golf 0600; Fourballs Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Golf 1130.
- PFOOTBALL: Ligue 1, Strasbourg v Lens TNT Sports 1 1945; Bundesliga, Hoffenheim v Borussia Dortmund Sky Sports Mix 1930; LaLiga, Barcelon Sevilla — Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 2000.
- PRUGBY UNION: World Cup, New Zealand v Italy ITV 1930. CRICKET: World Cup warm-up, New Zealand v 2005 Sports Cricket 0920.
- RUGBY LEAGUE: Super League First eliminator play-off — Sky Sports Main Event 1930.
- HORSE RACING: Cambridgeshire meeting, Newmarket ITV3 1330.
 SNOOKER: British Open ITV4
- 1245 and 1845 MOTOR CYCLING: MotoGP, Grand Prix of Japan first free practice -TNT Sports 2 0100, Second free practice - TNT Sports 2 0515: World Superbikes, Algarve first free practice — Eurosport 2 1020, Second free practice 1450. MOTOR SPORT: World Rally
- Championship, Chile TNT Sports 1 1230, TNT Sports 2 1830.

• FOOTBALL: Premier League, Aston Villa v Brighton — TNT Sports 1 1100, Tottenham v Liverpool — Sky Sports Premier League 1700, Sky Sports Main Event 1730: National League, Oxford City v Altrincham — TNT Sports 1 1700; Serie A, AC Milan v Lazio — TNT Sports 2 1715, Salernitana v Inter Milan – TNT Sports 2 1930; Ligue Monaco v Marseille – TNT Šnori 1 1945: LaLiga, Getafe v Villarreal — Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1300, Girona v Real Madrid — Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV

- 1730. Real Sociedad v Athletic Bilbao – Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 2000; Bundesliga, RB Leipzig v Bayern Munich – Sky Sports Football 1730.
- GOLF: Ryder Cup, Foursomes Sky Main Event and Sky Sports Golf 0600; Fourballs – Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Golf
- RUGBY UNION: World Cup, Argentina v Chile ITV 1325, Fiji v Georgia ITV 1615, Scotland v Romania - ITV 1915. CRICKET: World Cup warm-up,
- India v England Sky Sports Cricket 0920. RUGBY LEAGUE: Super League,
- Elimination play-off Channel 4 1230.
- HORSE RACING: Cambridgeshire meeting. Newmarket ITV3 1330.
 SNOOKER: British Open ITV4 1245, ITV3 1845.
- MOTOR CYCLING: MotoGP. Grand Prix of Japan third free practice -
- Sports 2 0145, Sprint race TNT Sports 2 0630; World Superbikes, Autodromo Internacional do Algarve Superpole – Eurosport 2 1100, Race one – Eurosport 2
- MOTOR SPORT: World Rally Championship, Chile — TNT Sports 2 1145, 1400, 1845 and 2100.

SUNDAY

- FOOTBALL: Premier League, Nottingham Forest v Brentford — Sky Sports Premier League 1330; Women's Super League, Aston Villa v Manchester United — BBC Two England 1215. Chelsea v Tottenham — Sky Sports Premier League 1630, Sky Sports Main Event 1730; Serie A, Bologna v Empoli — TNT Sports 1 1130, Udinese v Genoa – TNT Sports 2 1400, Roma v Frosinone – TNT Sports 1 1700, Atalanta v Juventus – TNT Sports 1 1930; Ligue 1, Reims v Lyon — TNT Sports 2 1200, Toulouse v Metz — TNT Sports 4 1400, Lorient v Montpellier – TNT Sports 2 1600, Rennes v Nantes – TNT Sports 2 1930; LaLiga, Almeria v Granada - Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1300, Alaves v Osasuna – Viaplay Sports 1 and LaLiga TV 1515, Real Betis v Valencia – Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 1730, Atletico Madrid v Cadiz - Viaplay Sports 2 and LaLiga TV 2000; Bundesliga, Darmstadt v Werder Bremen -Sky Sports Football 1430, SC Freiburg v FC Augsburg — Sky Sports Football 1630. GOLF: Ryder Cup, Singles — Sky
- Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Golf 0900. RUGBY UNION: World Cup, Australia v Portugal – ITV4 1615, South Africa v Tonga - ITV 1915: Premiership Rugby Cup, Harlequins v Saracens — TNT
- Sports 1 1400. Horse Racing: Prix De L'Arc De
- Triomphe ITV4 1300. SNOOKER: British Open ITV3 1245 ITV4 1855
- MOTOR CYCLING: MotoGP, Grand Prix of Japan — TNT Sports 2 0630; World Superbikes, Autodromo Internacional do Algarve Superpole — Eurosport 2 1030, Race two — Eurosport 2 1345
- GRIDIRON: NFL, Atlanta Falcons v Jacksonville Jaguars – ITV 1355; game TBD – Sky Sports NFL 1730, Sky Sports Main Event 1930, game TBD — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 2115, New York Jets v Kansas City Chiefs - Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports NFL 0115 (Mon).

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